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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the [X] Utility [] Design patent application of:

Inventor/Application Identifier: Satoshi MAEDA et al.

For: **ULTRA-THIN ABSORBING SHEET BODY, DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE
PROVIDED WITH ULTRA-THIN ABSORBING SHEET BODY AND PRODUCTION
DEVICE FOR ULTRA-THIN ABSORBING SHEET BODY**

Enclosed are:

- [X] 12 sheets of drawings ([X] formal [] informal size A4).
[X] 53 pages of specification, including claims and abstract.
[X] 65 total pages

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[] Copy from prior application

[] Inventors deleted; see attached statement

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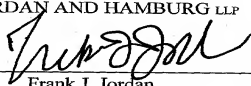
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- [] Small Entity Status is asserted
- [] Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provisions of 35 USC 119.
- [X] Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following applications under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of which certified copies [] will follow [] are enclosed [X] have been filed in the International Bureau [] were filed in prior application No. _____
- 1) Japan Patent Application No. 2000-151966, filed May 23, 2000;
- 2) Japan Patent Application No. 2000-175663, filed June 12, 2000; and
- 3) Japan Patent Application No. 2000-189946, filed June 23, 2000.
- [] This is a [] continuation [] divisional [] continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. _____
- [] Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
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- [X] English translation of specification, claims, and abstract of the International Application.
- [X] Copy of the Japanese PCT application.
- [X] Copy of the International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/210).
- [X] Copy of the cover page International Publication (WO 01/89439).
- [X] Copy of the PCT/IB/304 and PCT/IB/308 forms.
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